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THE COMING ERA.
They tell us that the Muse is soon to fly hence. Leaving the hours of song that once were dear. Her robes bespeaking to her sister, Science; The groves of Pandus for their trees to clear. Critics will claim that the author of taney, Puff, puff, the great magnificence of taney, That fact exclaims fiction's necromancy. The workshop hummer where the unskilled sing.

No more with laughter at Thalia's frolics. Our eyes shall twinkle till the tears run out. But in her place the lecturer on hydrostatics spout forth his watery science to the town.

Now more our foolish passions and affections. The tragic Muse with mimic grief shall try.

But, mother fair, a course of vivisection. Teach what it costs a tortured brute to die.

The untaught morn, long in buried robes, Stands to the secret whence our being came.

The chemist shows no death in life's black oxide.

Let alone, the breath no longer runs its flame.

Instead of croak-brained poets in their attics. Filling thin volumns with their drowsy talk. Shall there be books of whorish matinées.

The poet with his blackboard and his chalk.

No longer bars with mistral and sonnet. Small woe to moonlight walks the ribbons of sea.

But short-sighted the heavier and the bountiful, calling penitence on some poor soul's.

The sailor likes of seafaring calculations.

Small mock the trivial joys that honey drew.

And on the rapture of a selfed equation. One sole small answer on the lips of two!

So speak in solemn tones your youthful sage. Patient, severe, laborious, lowly exact.

As for the poet, the stoutest of the stout. They brook and much the thrice excess.

Of fate.

And yet we've sometimes found it very pleasant.

To dream again the scenes that Shakespeare drew.

To walk the hillsides with the Scottish peasant. Among the dales wet with morning dew.

To leave awhile the daylight of the nest.

Led by the guidance of the great command,

For a day, call me to the fields of life.

The light that never was on sea or land.

Well, time alone can lift the future's curtain.

Science may teach our children all she knows.

But love will kindle fresh young hearts to live.

And June will not forget her blushing rose.

And so, in spite of all, that time is bending.

Treasures of truth and friends of art.

Beauty and love will keep the past singing.

And song still lives in the science of the heart.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, in Atlantic Monthly.

A Brilliant Exaggerator.

severed by bookbinders, pasteboard makers, envelope cutters, pocketbook makers and paper-hangers are readily bought up; and so, too, are tons' weight of old ledgers and account books by the paper-mache manufacturer, together with old letters and any other paper rubbish, giving a pledge that all shall be promptly consigned to destruction in his large vat; and out of this heterogeneous assemblage he produces a substance so hard and firm and durable that it has been suggested as suitable for making soldiers' hats and even ships. *Chamber's Journal.*

There were three of them, and they were seated around a marble top table in a comfortable, quiet drawing room of the gods. "I suppose," said one of the party, "that this honest fellow who has just come along the wires around the cork is the deepest liar that ever wangled a tongue." Now," continued the speaker, "follow me," and he prepared to address the bottle-bearer.

"Baines," this is mighty fine tiling on the floor.

"Say no more," he answered. "It is mighty fine tiling. We have it where I can see. The staves are paved with it, and it's in colors, an' it's made beautiful cork an' they can't chip the marble. O, it's fine here, to sit; but we hate it where I can't from."

"That will do—another quart," was all that said.

The cork was hard to start, but, finally, when Rainey had started it, was laid.

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"It did," he answered complacently, "but you should see 'em at home. Say no more. We have 'em where I can from; four-part bottles, imperial gold side. When the cork like to go it goes half a mile, an' you can hear the report across the river. It's a pleasure."

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